

City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd. Deltona, FL 32725

Agenda

City Commission Workshop

Mayor John C. Masiarczyk Sr.
Vice Mayor Chris Nabicht
Commissioner Christopher Alcantara
Commissioner Anita Bradford
Commissioner Heidi Herzberg
Commissioner Gary Mitch Honaker
Commissioner Brian Soukup

Monday, January 23, 2017

5:30 PM

Deltona Commission Chambers

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:
- 2. ROLL CALL CITY CLERK:
- 3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – Citizen comments limited to items not on the agenda and comments on items listed on the agenda will take place after discussion of each item.

- 4. BUSINESS:
- A. Ordinance/Resolution: Septic Systems

Attachments: C. Alcantara Handout RCM 12-12-16

- 5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:
- 6. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105).

Individuals with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk, Joyce Raftery 48 hours in advance of the meeting date and time at (386) 878-8500.

CHRISTOPHER M. ALCANTARA

DELTONA CITY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

To:

JANE K. SHANG, City Manager

Copies to:

BECKY VOSE, City Attorney
JOYCE RAFFERTY, City Clerk

Date:

DECEMBER 5, 2016

Re: Proposal to direct City Attorney to draft an ordinance and resolution prohibiting and opposing any effort to force citizens on septic systems to city-wide sewer system and appointing Christopher Alcantara to communicate such position at public meetings

I am requesting that my proposals contained herein be placed on City Commission Agenda for discussion/consideration at the December 12, 2016 meeting. Further, I request that you distribute this memorandum to Mayor and my fellow City Commission members.

BACKGROUND: On June 7, 2016, Gerald Chancellor, Public Works Director, sent an email to City Manager Shang, City Attorney Vose and Deputy City Manager Dale Baker stating:

It would be suggested that you both attend this meeting and the Mayor/Commissioners also if possible. The FDEP will be presenting the proposed BMAP in general and discussing how septic tanks within the Blue Springs springshed will have to be taken out of service in the coming years. This BMAP could have a \$500 million dollar [sic] plus impact on the City, subject to the BMAP and implementation plans for sanitary sewer service throughout the City. [Emphasis added.]

The "\$500 million dollar [sic] plus impact on the City" is simply something that we should address immediately. To put this in perspective, this \$500 million impact represents the approximate amount that we collect in property taxes over a 40-year period.

It is my understanding that there exists no ordinance that prohibits forcing citizens from their septic systems to city-wide sewer system. Further, while the previous commission may have opined that it did not support such, it never passed any formal resolution opposing forcing citizens from their septic systems to city-wide sewer systems.

While I was campaigning to be elected I had the opportunity to speak with many citizens regarding this issue including citizens living in my district and city-wide. There is an overwhelming citizen opposition to this effort to force citizens from septic to city-wide sewer.

¹ Based upon the current amount we collect for property taxes.

MY PROPOSAL: Therefore, please place on the December 12, 2016 City Commission Meeting Agenda an opportunity for the City Commission to consider the following:

- A. We as a City Commission should direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that essentially:
- 1. Prohibits the City from involuntarily requiring any property owner within the City with an existing septic system to convert to a wastewater/sewage treatment system;
- 2. Prohibits the City from directly or indirectly expending any of the City's funds to any organization that endorses, promotes, or otherwise supports involuntarily requiring any property owner within the City with an existing septic system to convert to any wastewater/sewage treatment system; and,
- 3. Prohibits the City from expending any effort and/or expense towards involuntarily requiring any property owner within the City with an existing septic system to convert to any wastewater/sewage treatment system.
- 4. Rescinds any previous compact or City position statement that is contrary to 1-3 above.
- B. We as a City Commission should direct the City attorney to draft a resolution that essentially:
- 1. Communicates the City's opposition to involuntarily requiring property owners within the City with an existing septic system to convert to a wastewater/sewage treatment system.
- 2. Communicates the City's opposition to the Florida League of Cities' and Volusia League of Cities' legislative proposals and/or other position statements that are contrary to the City's opposition to involuntarily requiring property owners within the City with an existing septic system to convert to a wastewater/sewage treatment system.
- C. We as a City Commission appoint me, Christopher M. Alcantara, to speak, write or otherwise communicate the City's position consistent with the above listed proposals at BMAP meetings and other similar public meetings.
- D. We as a City Attorney direct the City Attorney to present to us the draft of the Ordinance and Resolution described herein no later than our second meeting in March 2017.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Alcantara City Commissioner, District 4